Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims replaces and supersedes all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A teaching device for an automatic cutting machine having a cutting table, a cutting head, and a cutting area on the table for placing a sheet within the cutting area, the cutting head being capable of cutting the sheet only within the cutting area, the teaching device, upon the designation of at least two teaching points on the sheet, computing a position and a slope of the sheet to the cutting area, correcting marking data including cutting pattern of parts to be cut out from the sheet in accordance with the position and the slope of the sheet, and cutting the sheet with corrected marking data, said teaching device being characterized comprising:

by judgement judgment means for judging whether the cutting pattern is contained within the cutting area, after designation of the teaching points and the correction of the marking data[[,]] and

by subsidiary means for evaluating whether movement of the marking data or the sheet in position makes the cutting pattern within the cutting area, when the error is judged by the judgement judgment means, and for correcting the marking data relative to the cutting area when it is evaluated that movement of the marking data will make the cutting pattern within the cutting area, or the sheet relative to the cutting area[[,]] when it is evaluated that movement of the sheet in position will make the cutting pattern within

the cutting area ~~the movement is evaluated possible~~.

2. (Currently Amended) A teaching device for an automatic cutting machine according to claim 1, ~~being characterized in~~ wherein ~~that~~ the cutting table is provided with a conveyor conveying the sheet along a longitudinal direction of the cutting area, and ~~that~~, when the error is judged by the judgment means, said subsidiary means computes a length of the cutting pattern extending out of an edge of the cutting area, evaluates whether movement of the sheet in position makes the cutting pattern within the cutting area, and drives the conveyor at least by the length computed, when the movement is evaluated possible.

3. (Previously Presented) A teaching device for an automatic cutting machine according to claim 1, being characterized in that,

when the error is judged by the judgment means, said subsidiary means evaluates whether movement of the marking data in position makes the cutting pattern within the cutting area and corrects the marking data so as to confine the cutting pattern within the cutting area, when the movement is evaluated possible.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Cancelled)